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FURTHER REPORT FROM "DOKTOR" ON THE GERMAN POLITICAL SITUATION (1945)

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To the 8th Department.

(Part 2) On 15th August 1945 "DOKTOR" (cont'd.)⁽¹⁾

[17 groups unrecovered]

[Q. possibilities] of peace negotiations with all the Allies a special representative of the German Foreign Office was arriving in the country from (Q. GERMANY). Together with [several paragraphs]

[50 groups unrecovered]

representatives of the legation (DOKTOR) [a] not only

[15 groups unrecovered]

so that the Allies would enter into negotiations.

2. [32 groups unrecoverable, 32 groups unrecovered]

to KEMMLER [4 groups unrecovered] in the direction

[48 groups unrecoverable]

Negotiations [Q. was selected by] the Foreign Office. KEMMLER himself took part in them and in future will probably do this even more often and to a greater extent in order to acquire more influence on foreign policy. KEMMLER was also the driving force in the attempt at negotiations entered upon in STOCKHOLM. However

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[41 groups unrecovered]

"inequitable treatment" of other peoples. According to this information HEDDERL claims that he was only carrying out HITLER's orders, and often even resisted them, but so far his resistance has been rather feeble. The relations between HITLER and HESSLER have now become worse, in the same way as they have in general worsened between [5 groups unrecovered] high Nazi leaders. At the same time, the Sixth Department [OEWEL] is trying to induce HESSLER to overthrow HITLER by means of a coup d'etat and then put an end to the war. They say that HESSLER at the present time is the only force in GERMANY that can overthrow HITLER. He has at his disposal an incomparably bigger army than

[18 groups unrecovered]

GERMANY.

4. "IDLER", reflecting, apparently, the views of the Sixth Department, considers that it would be to GERMANY's advantage to overthrow HITLER. [6 groups unrecovered] overthrow [2 groups unrecovered] forces. Although [7 groups unrecovered] HESSLER [Q, such] [1 group unrecovered] forces is impossible, but this possibility [2 groups unrecovered] probable [b], as this [3 groups unrecovered] GERMANY. According to information received by "IDLER", HESSLER, is at heart prepared for a coup d'etat, but he has not yet planned up the strategy, partly because he does not know what effect his actions will have on him and his adherents after a successful coup.

(Part II) [3 groups recovered] (c) HESSLER

[25 groups unrecovered, 38 groups unrecoverable]

As regards HITLER, consider it important [b, that] there should never survive in GERMANY

[12 groups unrecovered]

will be finished with for all time; if succeeded [3 groups unrecovered] HITLER to the end, (s) then [3 groups unrecovered] chance that he will be done for

[13 groups unrecovered]

chance of saving his life. [3 groups unrecovered]

[69 groups unrecoverable, 25 groups recovered]

and make a gesture that would be to his own advantage.

5. The enmity between RIBBENTROP and HESSLER continues. A struggle is also going on between these two and [6 groups unrecovered] between HESSLER and BORMANN. The latter is the man who is most loyal to HITLER. He has lately taken over many key positions

[24 groups unrecovered]

lately been pushed [C considerably] into the background. A struggle for power at the top is going on at the moment between HESSLER and BORMANN. BORMANN so far under his command the direction

[11 groups unrecovered, 65 groups unrecoverable]

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(Part III) HIMMLER assumed command of the central sector of the front as the result of BORMANN's initiative. HIMMLER refused [5 groups unrecovered], but BORMANN insisted upon it, and

[13 groups unrecovered]

KLEFFER in S.A. and Nazi circles.

[29 groups unrecovered, 60 groups unrecoverable]

HIMMLER not only on the part of [2 groups unrecovered], but also the U.S.S.R.
All the same I think it possible to rearm HIMMLER, so as to act against

[12 groups unrecovered]

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Notes: (a) 'Legation' or 'mission'.

(b) A negative may be contained in the preceding two groups.

(c) This passage may be: 'If HIMMLER follows KLEFFER's path to the
end, then ...'

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